

Update

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CALFED Agencies

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program brings Californians together to design a fair, workable solution to problems in the San Francisco Bay-Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta. The State of California and the United States government share leadership responsibility for the Program. By late 1998, the Program is expected to have developed a comprehensive, balanced solution to Bay-Delta problems involving ecosystem health, water quality, water supply reliability, and vulnerability to deterioration and disaster.

CA Resources Agency
CA Dept. of Water Resources
CA Environmental Protection Agency
CA Dept. of Fish and Game
CA State Water Resources Control Board

U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service

Where We Have Been

December 1994: Bay-Delta stakeholders and Federal and State agencies signed the historic Bay-Delta Accord, agreeing on new water quality standards and setting the stage for a joint, long-term problem-solving effort, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

September 1995 through June 1996: The CALFED Bay-Delta Program reached out to Californians across the state with an invitation to be part of the Bay-Delta solution. Thirty-three individuals from a wide array of stakeholder groups were appointed to a Bay-Delta Advisory Committee (BDAC). Meanwhile, the Program hosted six public technical workshops and 15 public meetings from Redding to San Diego over ten months. By June 1996, Californians had spent over 12,000 hours working together on a Bay-Delta solution.

Where We Are Going

August 1996: The Program is expected to announce three to four draft alternative solutions – the Phase II Alternatives. Each alternative will include scores of discrete actions, from habitat restoration to storage development and more, that together offer a balanced solution to Bay-Delta problems. The alternatives will be the result of a year of technical analysis and public comment.

September 1996 - Summer 1997: The Phase II Alternatives will undergo a rigorous programmatic environmental review process, culminating in release of a draft programmatic environmental impact report/environmental impact statement (DEIR/S) in compliance with state and federal law. The BDAC will continue to meet regularly, and the Program will host frequent public meetings and workshops.

Summer 1997 - Late 1998: Incorporating public input and technical analysis of the DEIR/S, the Program will develop a final EIR/S, recommending a preferred Bay-Delta solution. Public involvement activities will continue. Following review of the EIR/S, it is hoped that the state and federal governments will approve the recommended solution and set the stage for implementation.

"Solution Principles"

According to the fundamental principles that guide the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, the Bay-Delta solution must reduce conflicts in the system, pose no significant redirected impacts, and be affordable, equitable, implementable, and

The mission of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is to develop a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system.